



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Youth Conservation Corps Summer Jobs at the National Conservation Training Center



Are you between the ages of 15 and 18, and currently enrolled in high school? Would you like to spend your summer working, learning and earning in the outdoors? Would you like a fun job where your efforts make a difference for wildlife and the environment? If you answered **YES** to these questions, the Youth Conservation Corps may be right for you.

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer employment program for young men and women between the ages 15 through 18 who work, learn, and earn together by doing projects on public lands. The goals are to accomplish needed conservation work on public lands, to provide gainful employment for America's youth, and provide an opportunity for participants to develop an understanding and appreciation for the nation's natural environment and heritage.



YCC Job Description

Working alongside other YCC crew members, you will perform important conservation work and gain knowledge and experience in the field of natural resources and ecology. Projects include improving and maintaining hiking trails, tending native plant landscaping, maintaining boundary lines, controlling invasive, non-native plants, growing new plants, removing old farm fences, caring for young trees in reforestation sites, and similar work in fields and forests. Most activities will be outdoors in typical summer weather – hot, humid and buggy. During times of inclement weather or when needed, you might also work indoors assisting with a variety of work. There will also be opportunities to do service projects and tours at other federal agency sites such as parks and museums. Each participant is required to report to work each morning in clean jeans and leather work boots. Work shirts, T-shirts, and caps, as well as all tools and safety gear will be provided. It will be hard work but it will be fun. This may be an experience you will treasure forever!

The YCC Program will begin on Monday, June 11, 2012 and run for eight weeks ending on Friday, August 3, 2012. Participants will work 40 hours a week, Monday - Friday from 7:30 am to 4 pm. Six crew members will be hired at \$7.25 per hour and one crew leader at slightly more per hour.

Please indicate on your application if you want to be considered for the Crew Leader position. Participants must be physically fit and have a good work attitude!

To be eligible for the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) YCC Program, applicants must:

- ✓ Be between the ages of 15 (by June 11), and 18 (not age 19 before August 3), and enrolled in school
- ✓ Be a permanent resident of the United States, its territories or possessions
- ✓ Be available 40 hours per week (7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.) for the full 8 week period from June 11 to August 3
- ✓ Be able to get to NCTC on-time, which is located off of Shepherd Grade Road near Shepherdstown, WV
- ✓ Possess a Social Security card prior to the first working day of the YCC program
- ✓ Have the written permission of a parent or legal guardian to work

The YCC Crew will travel offsite occasionally and may travel for one overnight fieldtrip. If selected, you and a parent or guardian will be required to attend a one-hour orientation meeting in May.

Crew member's selection will be made by lottery. Please visit our website at <http://nctc.fws.gov/ycc.html> for more information and an application or call (304) 876-7421.

Applications must be postmarked by April 16, 2012 to: Linda Shook, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV, 25443